

# The Churches of the Parish of Berkswich

*in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield*

## Live-streamed Eucharist with hymns sung at home for Corpus Christi 2021



*Please note that current guidance does not permit the singing in the church building – please could those at home sing loudly for those in the church building who can't (you will still be muted!)*

### The gathering

Jesus said 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'. We gather to worship, knowing we are fed by the living bread to go out into His world bringing service and his love to all.

**Would you be free from  
the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood,  
power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.  
*There is power, power,  
wonder working power  
In the blood of the Lamb.  
There is power, power,  
wonder working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.***

**Would you be free from  
your passion and pride?  
There's power in the blood,  
power in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;  
There's wonderful power in the blood.  
*There is power, power, ....***

**Would you do service  
for Jesus your King?  
There's power in the blood,  
power in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.  
*There is power, power...  
Lewis Edgar Jones (1865-1936)***

### The greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**And also with you**

Blessed be Jesus in the  
Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
**Blessed be God for ever!**

### The Act of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Words of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## The Gloria

*Our virtual choir sing the Gloria. Often referred to as "the angelic hymn," the gloria was first intoned by the angels from heaven for the birth of Christ on earth. The Gloria is a true hymn. Its opening burst of praise overflows into a series of joyful cries addressed to the Father: "we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory."*

*The hymn goes on to implore the mercy of the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. In singing the Gloria, the church relives the experience of Saint Stephen who, "full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).*

*Gazing on Christ, the Church praises him: "You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High." The final lines of the Gloria soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: "Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father." The hymn ends where it began: in the heavens.*

## The Collect for the day

Let us pray

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The liturgy of the word

### First reading 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

#### A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel reading

*The virtual choir sing the Alleluia*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John ✠

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,

and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Affirmation of faith**

With our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world, let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray to the Lord.

*At the end of each bidding the following response is used*

In faith we pray:  
**we pray to you our God.**

*At the end, on behalf of us all, the intercessor gathers our individual prayers together into one, by saying on our behalf*

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The liturgy of the sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**And also with you**

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
**Blessed be God for ever!**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar, you remember your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift where it lies before the altar. Go, make peace; and only then come and offer your gift.

The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here  
**His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because at the last supper as he sat at table with his apostles he gave us this memorial of his passion to bring us its saving power until the end of time. In this sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that the family of humankind may come to walk in the light of one faith, in one communion of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*Our Virtual Choir will sing the Sanctus, the Holy, Holy, Holy, an integral part of the Eucharistic Prayer in both the Eastern and Western churches from before the year 400 A.D, and the conclusion of the Preface.*

*Its text is composed of two parts, both inspired in Scripture and highlighting two juxtaposing aspects of God – the first part focuses on the awe and surpassing wonder before the divine majesty, and in the second, the humility of Jesus, God made man.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood✠; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Our Virtual Choir will sing our Memorial Acclamation – a response to what has been proclaimed in the Eucharistic prayer*

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*(sung)* **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna in excelsis.**  
*(twice)*

*All kneel and silence may be kept*  
**The Lord's Prayer**

Let us offer our prayers to God with grateful and trusting hearts as we say together.  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us**

from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share your resurrection.**

Live in us,

**that we may live in you**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread as our virtual choir sing the Agnus Dei, underlining the reality of Jesus the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.*

### An act of Spiritual Communion

*Those at home, as they look on to the consecrated elements - the Body and Blood of Our Lord present in the Bread and Wine, are invited to say*

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

*Those in church are invited to receive communion in one kind only. When you remove your mask, please ensure you wash your hands before and after receiving. Please do not say Amen when the host is given to you. As those in church receive, the following hymn is sung for those at home.*

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

### Prayer after communion

Bring us, O Christ, to that eternal union with you which is foreshadowed here on earth by our communion in your body and blood, for you are alive, our Saviour, for ever and ever.

Amen

### The dismissal

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.  
*Praise to God who feeds his people,  
Praise to God who feeds his people,  
Praise to God who feeds his people,  
With Christ the Bread of life.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of all  
before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
*Praise to God....*

Jesus thirsted after righteousness  
and justice as he died,  
and he poured out blood and water  
from the spear wound in his side,  
so in baptism the church of Christ  
is born and unified,  
may Christ's death give us life.  
*Praise to God...*

Both in sacrament and word  
has Christ commissioned us anew  
to make known his living presence  
by the things we say and do,  
to go out to every nation  
and bear witness to his truth,  
may all be one in Christ.  
*Praise to God....*

He has come, he has come,  
In the forms of wine and bread.  
Yes, he comes to every faithful heart  
Whenever mass is said.  
His Real Presence here among us  
Is the food with which we're fed  
That we can journey on  
*Praise to God....*

*Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)  
adapted by Fr Neil Kelley*

## The Blessing

The Lord of glory be with you.  
And also with you

Blessed be Jesus in the  
Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be God for ever!

May the Father, who fed his children with manna  
in the wilderness, strengthen you in your  
pilgrimage to the Promised Land. **Amen.**

May the Son, who gave his flesh for food and his  
blood for drink, keep you in eternal life and raise  
you up on the last day. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
help you discern the Lord's body and empower  
you to proclaim his death until he comes. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Acclamation and Dismissal

I am the bread of life, anyone who comes to me  
shall not hunger, anyone who believes in me shall  
never thirst.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

The bread of God comes down from heaven,  
and gives life to the world.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life and I will raise them up on the last  
day.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is of no  
avail. The words I speak,  
they are spirit and they are life.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

Then their eyes were opened, and they  
recognized him. He had been made known to  
them in the breaking of the bread.

*Luke 24.31a,35*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Equipped to go out into our world, we leave in  
silence*

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